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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHOWA CORPORATION ) Examiner: WEISKOPF  
Serial Number: 10/737417 ) Art Unit: 3661  
Filed: 15 December 2003 )  
For: DRIVE SYSTEM SWITCHING CONTROL METHOD  
Docket Number: 13693 )

**PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

8 January 2007

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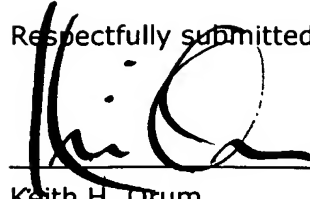
The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for reply to the Advisory Action dated 1 December 2006 for 2-months from 9 November 2006 to 8 January 2007. Submitted herewith is a check for \$450.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 04-2219, referencing our docket number 13693.

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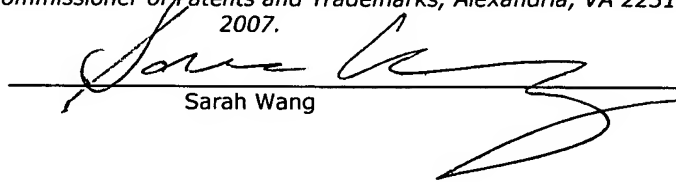


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